

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission**

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**Notice of Intended Action – Chapter 571 – 95, Game Harvest Reporting
and Landowner-Tenant Registration**

The Commission is requested to approve this Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 571 – 95, Game Harvest Reporting and Landowner-Tenant Registration. This rule outlines how the harvest reporting system and landowner-tenant registration system work.

The proposed amendments change the reporting deadline to midnight of the day after the animal is tagged rather than the day it is killed to provide adequate time to report the harvest if a hunter recovers an animal the day after it is killed. The amendments clarify the language in the rule to reflect that the transportation tag and harvest report tags are two separate tags. The amendments also add online registration through the Electronic Licensing System of Iowa as a method for tenants to register for free licenses.

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Attachment: Chapter 95, Game Harvest Reporting and Landowner-Tenant Registration NOIA

NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION [571]

Notice of Intended Action

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 455A.5, the Natural Resource Commission hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 571 – 95, “Game Harvest Reporting and Landowner-Tenant Registration,” Iowa Administrative Code.

This rule describes the requirements for the harvest reporting system and landowner-tenant registration system.

The proposed amendments change the reporting deadline to midnight of the day after the animal is tagged rather than the day it is killed to provide adequate time to report the harvest if a hunter recovers an animal the day after it is killed. The amendments clarify the language in the rule to reflect that the transportation tag and harvest report tags are two separate tags. The amendments also add online registration through the Electronic Licensing System of Iowa as a method for tenants to register for free licenses.

Any interested person may make written suggestions or comments on the proposed amendments on or before April 29, 2008. Written comments may be directed to the Wildlife Bureau's website at www.iowadnr.gov or may be sent to the Wildlife Bureau Chief, Department of Natural Resources, Wallace State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0034; fax (515) 281-6794. Persons who wish to convey their views orally should contact the Wildlife Bureau at (515) 281-5034 or at the Wildlife Bureau offices on the fourth floor of the Wallace State Office Building. Also, there will be public hearings held at 18 locations via the Iowa Communications Network on April 29, 2008. Interested persons should contact the department at (515) 281-5918 for a list of hearing locations or go to the department's website at www.iowadnr.gov. At the hearings, persons may present their views either orally or in writing. At the hearings, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the amendments.

Any persons who intend to attend the public hearings and have special requirements such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments should contact the Department of Natural Resources and request specific accommodations.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 481A.38, 481A.39, 481A.48, 483A.1 and 483A.7.

The following amendments are proposed:

ITEM 1. Amend rule 571--95.1(1)(483A) as follows:

95.1(1) Reporting deadlines for deer and turkey.

a. —~~Deer~~. A harvest report must be made by midnight on the day after the ~~day of the kill~~, animal is tagged or before the ~~deer~~ animal is taken to a locker or taxidermist, ~~before the deer~~ is processed for consumption, or ~~before the deer~~ is transported out of state, whichever occurs first.

b. —~~Wild turkey~~. A harvest report must be made ~~no later than midnight on the day after the turkey is killed, before the turkey is taken to a locker or taxidermist, before the turkey is processed for consumption, or before the turkey is transported out of state, whichever occurs first.~~

ITEM 2. Amend rule 571--95.1(3)(483A) as follows:

95.1(3) Report confirmation. After the report is made, the hunter will be given a ~~coded~~ confirmation number to write on the ~~license and transportation~~ harvest report tag to verify that the hunter has reported the kill. The harvest report tag and confirmation number ~~must remain on~~

~~the transportation tag, and the tag~~ must remain attached to the deer or wild turkey until the deer or turkey is processed for consumption.

ITEM 3. Amend subrule 571--95.2(3)(483A) as follows:

95.2(3) Method of registration. A landowner or tenant may register in one of the following ways:

a. Landowners. Persons who own at least one parcel of qualifying land may register on the Internet through ELSI or by mailing or faxing an affidavit obtained from DNR. The online system is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. An online registrant may immediately obtain a free license once the registration process is complete. A person who registers through the mail or by fax may have to wait up to ten business days after the form is received by DNR to obtain a free license.

b. Tenants. A person who qualifies as a tenant but does not own any qualifying land ~~shall~~ may register on the Internet through ELSI or by mailing or faxing an affidavit obtained from DNR. A tenant may have to wait up to ten business days after the affidavit is received by DNR before obtaining a free license.

Date

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